

Pre-Bid, Virtual Tour Guide
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2020 Hettinger and Stark Counties AML Project

The Pre-Bid, Virtual Tour is intended to replace the mandatory pre-bid, onsite meeting because the meeting was canceled. This document does not replace or take precedence over the Invitation for Bid (IFB) or any other project documents. All Pre-Bid, Virtual Tour files can be found on the Public Service Commission (PSC) website. This Pre-Bid, Virtual Tour Guide (https://www.psc.nd.gov/jurisdiction/aml/projects/hettinger_and_stark_counties/Virtual%20Tour%20Guide.pdf) provides instructions on how to use the Pre-Bid, Virtual Tour.

- The Google Earth program is required to view the Pre-Bid, Virtual Tour. Directions to download are located at <https://www.google.com/earth/versions/download-thank-you/>. Once Google Earth is downloaded, download the KMZ files for each site, which are located at <https://www.psc.nd.gov/jurisdiction/aml/projects.php>. The KMZ file is an interactive map featuring thumbnails with the photos of the project sites over Google Earth aerial imagery. The direction and location of the thumbnails indicate the actual direction and location the photo was taken. However, some photos taken with a drone did not have directional information associated with the photos, but the direction is indicated on the photo's title. The Pre-Bid, Virtual Tour is a guide to bidders for the 2020 Hettinger and Stark Counties AML Project since the pre-bid, onsite meeting was canceled.
- The most important document to read is the Invitation for Bid. The 2020 Hettinger and Stark Counties AML Project IFB can be found by searching the State Procurement Office (SPO) website at: <https://apps.nd.gov/csd/spo/services/bidder/main.htm>.

Bid Opening

1. Bid Opening: **Thursday** April 16, 2020 at 11:00 am CDT. Since we are not allowing anyone to be present during the bid opening due to Covid-19, the public may view the bid opening through the Public Service Commission website at <https://www.psc.nd.gov/index.php> and follow the instructions under Watch/Listen to the Commission Live. Read the IFB completely, bidder instructions are included. Late bids will not be accepted.
2. Include 5% bid bond with bid package.
3. Deadline for questions is April 8, 2020 at 5:00 pm CDT and must be submitted in writing.
4. All attached forms must be completed with the bid.

2020 IFB Points to Highlight

1. Performance Period: 120 days – June 1 to September 29, 2020 (IFB Page 5).
2. All Quantities are estimated. No allowance will be made for any increased expense, loss of expected reimbursement, or loss of anticipated profits suffered or claimed by CONTRACTOR resulting from either field conditions or unbalanced bid prices or any other cause.
3. Pre-Construction Requirements:
 - a. The successful bidder shall submit a written estimated Schedule of Construction to the Commission's Project Manager for written approval before the Commission's Project Manager issues the Notice to Proceed. The Schedule of Construction must indicate the starting/completion of each work stage, equipment list, and average load capacity. Approval must be given for topsoil removal before earthmoving begins. Approval for final grades before topsoil resspreading begins.
 - b. Determine and mark the presence of **all** public and private facilities within the project areas prior to beginning work.
 - c. Obtain a Construction General Permit from the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality prior to beginning work (IFB page 31).
4. Payment will be made on cut volumes based on our survey.
5. Inert waste (metal, concrete, trees) must be buried with no extra pay.
6. The waste at the Buresh Site must be hauled out before any earthwork can be done.
7. Soil must be tilled, fertilized, and seeded. The tree planting areas, indicated on the plan sheets, will not be seeded but will need to be deep tilled.
8. Mulching and crimping are required everywhere.
9. Clean-Up: Any damages must be repaired as good as or better than it was. Any fences taken down must be repaired as well as temporary approaches, damaged ditches, and road surfaces must be repaired.

Work Plans

1. It is up to the contractor on which site they start at. We anticipate the sites will be completed in the following order: Regent > Weinandy > Albrecht > Buresh.
2. The work week is a standard 5 days (Monday – Friday) restricted to daylight hours.